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SUBJECT:MODE - PROPOSED INCREASE IN DEA STAFFING

1. DEA HAS PROPOSED TO INCREASE DEA STAFF IN PARIS BY
ONE SPECIAL AGENT AND ONE CLERK.

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE.
ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENT: SPECIAL AGENT, CLERICAL.

IN AUGUST 1968, BNDD RELOCATED ITS EUROPEAN REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS FROM ROME, ITALY TO PARIS, FRANCE. AT THE
PRESENT TIME, THE DEA STAFF IN THE PARIS REGIONAL OFFICE
CONSISTS OF NINE SPECIAL AGENTS, TWO INTELLIGENCE RE-
SEARCH ANALYSTS, ONE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND
EIGHT SECRETARIES. FIVE OF THE SECRETARIES ARE ASSIGNED
TO THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF (REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEPUTY
REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND TWO ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS).
THE THREE REMAINING SECRETARIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
ALL OTHER REGIONAL CLERICAL SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL OFFICE
AS WELL AS RELATED SUPPORT TO THE 19 DEA DISTRICT OFFICES

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WHICH REPORT TO THE PARIS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS. IT

SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE REGIONAL SUPPORT STAFF HAS NOT

BEEN INCREASED SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DISTRICT
OFFICES AT NICE, RABAT, GENOA AND COPENHAGEN. THE ESTAB-
LISHMENT OF THE ABOVE OFFICES HAS ADDED AN ADDITIONAL
BURDEN UPON THE REGIONAL SUPPORT STAFF. ADDITIONALLY,
DEA PLANS TO OPEN A NEW DISTRICT OFFICE AT TRIESTE WITHIN
THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS.

THE INCREASE OF ONE SPECIAL AGENT POSITION WILL ADJUST
CEILING TO REFLECT AN ACCURATE ON-BOARD COUNT WITH NO
INCREASE OF THE CURRENT SPECIAL AGENT STAFF. END QUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WE NEED COM COMMENTS TO FACILITATE
DECISION REGARDING PROPOSAL. APPROVAL WOULD BRING AUTH-
ORIZED DEA STAFFING LEVEL IN FRANCE TO 33 US AND 1 FN,
ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS. KISSINGER

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